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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9089

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 0976

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TD, US

SUBJECT: PRE-IG REVIEW OF FY 1977-78 TRINIDAD CASP

REF: STATE 88272

1. THE EMBASSY HAS THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE RESULTS OF THE PRE-IG REVIEW OF THE CASP FOR TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WHICH WERE CONTAINED IN REFTEL.

2. THE EMBASSY'S PURPOSE IN LISTING OMEGA AS A MAJOR ISSUE IN THE CASP WAS TO FOCUS THE ATTENTION OF THE VARIOUS USG AGENCIES INVOLVED ON THE NEED FOR A DECISION ON THE FUTURE OF THE STATION. SINCE THAT IS ONE OF THE DEFINED PURPOSES OF ISSUE IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS IN THE CASP, WE DO NOT CLEARLY SEE RATIONALE FOR PAPER EXERCISE OF REMOVING THE ISSUE BEFORE "APPROVAL." HOWEVER, AS THE PURPOSE OF USG INTER-AGENCY REVIEW OF THE MATTER HAS NOW BEEN SERVED, WE HAVE NO SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTION TO THE ISSUE BEING DOWNGRADED. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT TRINIDAD WOULD AGREE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE OMEGA STATION BEYOND 1977 WITHOUT SOME NEGOTIATED CONCESSION OR PAYMENT ON OUR PART. ANY CONSIDERATION OF EXTENDING THE OPERATION OF OMEGA TRINIDAD MUST, WE BELIEVE, TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT ASPECT.

3. THE EMBASSY AGREES THAT THE DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRINIDAD AND PUERTO RICO MAY PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES TO THE U.S. WE WOULD NOT WISH AT THIS  
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EARLY STAGE, HOWEVER, TO BURDEN THE RELATIONSHIP

WITH STRONG EXPECTATIONS THAT IT WILL YIELD IMMEDIATE AND TANGIBLE BENEFITS IN TERMS OF SUPPORT FROM THE GOTT ON PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL FORA.

4. REVISED FINANCIAL RESOURCE TABLE INCORPORATING COMMENTS MADE IN PARAGRAPHS 4, 5 AND 7 OF REFTTEL FOLLOWS BELOW:

ANNEX A                      TABLE 1  
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES  
BY U.S. AGENCY AND OTHER MAJOR DONORS

U.S. AGENCIES	U.S. DOLLAR RESOURCES (000)				
	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY77	FY78
	ACTUAL	EST.	EST.	PLN.	PLN.

STATE

SALARIES & EXPENSES

PROGRAM	550	560	140	609	666
SHARED	225	239	60	266	297

REPRESENTATION

ALLOWANCE	6	6	2	6	6
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FBO	56	32	8	123	35
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CULTURAL PROGRAM (CU)	1	2	6	5	5
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PAO RESOURCES	200	215	54	250	300
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AGRICULTURE

PROGRAM	62	67	17	77	89
ADMINISTRATIVE	8	8	2	9	11

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INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS/

MAJOR BILATERAL DONARS

IBRD/IDA	15,000	15,000	4,000	10,000	10,000
IDB	10,000	14,000	3,000	15,000	15,000
UN	1,000	1,000	250	1,000	1,000
UK	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
CANADA	2,000	4,000	1,000	6,000	5,000
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